

Maria Watts ID1165 per *Frances Charlotte* 1832

Maria Watts aged 24

Gloucester Lent Assizes March 1832

Robbery

Sentence Commuted to transportation for 7 years.

Gaol Report – Character – Very Bad

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13th April 1832

Westleigh

To The Right Honourable His Majesty's Judges of Assizes on the
..... Circuit.

The humble Petition of Job and Mary Watts of Westleigh in the
County of Gloucester

Most Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner's is the unfortunate father and mother of Maria
Watts Bryant (a prisoner against whose sentence of DEATH has been
recorded at the last Assizes at Gloucester for robbing the person of
James Pritchard).

That your petitioners humbly presumes to intrate your Lordships
merciful consideration of the case of their unhappy daughter in
respect of her previous good character and it being her first offence
your Petitioners therefore most earnestly pray your Lordship will be
pleased to commute the sentence of their daughter to such a period
of imprisonment as to your Lordships shall seem meet.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

The mark x of Job Watts

The mark x of Mary Watts

Gentlemen

This is to certify the written named Maria Bryant has always been till this present time of her commitments off sober and industrious habits and not known ever to have been addicted either to theft or any other disorderly practices before the present offence as witness our hands this 11th April 1832:

Thomas Suton

Henry Werrett

Thomas Osborne

And a further 25 signatures.

Whitehall

29th Aril 1832

To Thomas Hearn Esq

Buckingham

Sir

Secretary Melborne having had under consideration the Petition which accompanied your letter of the 8th in favour of MARY WATTS who was sentenced to transportation for life at the last Assizes for the County of Bucks, I am directed to acquaint you that his Lordship cannot consistently with his Public Duty recommend the prisoner to His Majesty for any mitigation of her sentence.

I am Sir

M Phillips.